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--ABSTRACT--

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 12 line 1, after the newly added ABSTRACT section heading, as follows:

The invention relates to a method for generating and/or validating electronic signatures during which an asymmetric key pair is generated that comprises a private signature key and a public validation key. In addition, at least one electronic signature is calculated by using the private signature key and by applying a predetermined signature function for at least one electronic document. A certification of the public validation key ensues after the calculation of the at least one electronic signature.